



GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL CONFIRMED MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting
held on **Tuesday 27 February 2024**

in the Council Chambers,
16-18 Anne Street, George Town,

commenced at **1:00 pm.**

All documents presented, and recordings (audio) of this meeting are made available to the public in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, and Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

The public are requested to pre-register if attending this meeting of Council.

Shane Power
GENERAL MANAGER

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Meeting Commenced at 1:00 pm

Acknowledgement of Country

George Town Council acknowledges the palawa people from the litarimirina tribe from Port Dalrymple as the traditional custodians of the land.

We honour and give thanks for the caring of country, seas and skies of kinimathatakinta and surrounds.

We pay respect to the elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hope of pakana people in lutruwita.

AUDIO RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The public is advised that it is **Council Policy** to record the proceedings of meetings of Council on digital media to assist in the preparation of Minutes, and to clarify any queries relating to the Minutes that is raised during a subsequent meeting under the section "Confirmation of Minutes".

The recording does not replace the written Minutes and a transcript of the recording will not be prepared.

All meetings of the Council shall be digitally recorded as provided for by Regulation 33 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 except for the proceedings of meetings or parts of meetings closed to the public in accordance with Regulation 15(2).

In accordance with the requirements of Council's Audio Recording of Council Meetings Policy GTC 1, members of the public are not permitted to make audio recordings of Council meetings.

The community are requested to pre-register to attend this meeting of Council.

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1 PRESENT

Mayor Cr Greg Kieser, Chairperson
Deputy Mayor Cr Greg Dawson
Cr Winston Archer
Cr Heather Ashley
Cr Heather Barwick
Cr Tim Harris
Cr Simone Lowe
Cr Winston Mason
Cr Jason Orr

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

1.2 IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager - Mr S Power
Director Operational Performance, Strategy & Engagement - Mr R Dunn
Director Infrastructure & Development - Mr A McCarthy
Director Corporate & Community - Mrs C Hyde
Senior Executive Support and Governance Officer - Ms L Dickenson

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 23 JANUARY 2024

Minute No. 12/24

DECISION

Moved: Cr Dawson

Seconded: Cr Ashley

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 23 January 2024 numbered 001/24 to 006/24 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

VOTING

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Dawson, Cr Archer, Cr Ashley, Cr Barwick, Cr Harris, Cr Lowe,
Cr Mason and Cr Orr

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

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3 LATE ITEMS

Nil.

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME PROCEDURE

[Refer to Minute No. 243/16. The period set aside for public question time will be at least 15 minutes. Questions given on notice will be addressed first. Once questions on notice have been addressed, persons who have registered their interest to ask a question will be called to do so in the order in which they have registered. Persons attending Council meetings will have the opportunity to register their interest to ask a question without notice prior to the commencement of the meeting. Council staff will be on hand to assist with this process.

Participants cannot ask more than 2 questions in a row with a maximum of 2 minutes per question. If a person has more than (2) questions, they will be placed at the 'end of the queue' and may, if time permits, ask their further questions once all other persons have had an opportunity to ask questions. Persons who have not registered their interest to ask a question will be given an opportunity to do so following all those who have registered. All questions must be directed to the Chairperson.

For further information on Council's Public Question Time Rules and Procedure, please refer to George Town Council Public Question Time Policy GTC13.

Questions asked and answers provided may be summarised in the Minutes of the meeting.

Council requests that members of the public pre-register to attend meetings of Council.

4.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

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4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Commenced at: 1:04 pm

Concluded at: 1:04 pm

Nil.

4.4 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

(Refer to Minute No. 425/00, which states in part, "that a copy of all written replies to questions from the Public Gallery be included in the following Council Agenda.")

Nil.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

6 ACTING GENERAL MANAGER'S DECLARATION

The General Manager, Mr S Power thanked Mr A McCarthy for compiling the Agenda in his absence.

I certify that with respect to all advice, information or recommendations provided to Council with this Agenda:

- the advice, information or recommendation is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation; and
- where any advice is given directly to Council by a person who does not have the required qualifications of experience, that person has obtained and taken into account in that person's general advice, the advice from an appropriately qualified or experienced person.



Andrew McCarthy
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 – SECTION 65

65. Qualified persons

- (1) A general manager must ensure that any advice, information or recommendation given to the council or a council committee is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation.
- (2) A council or council committee is not to decide on any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering such advice unless –
 - (a) the general manager certifies, in writing –
 - (i) that such advice was obtained; and
 - (ii) that the general manager took the advice into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and
 - (b) a copy of that advice or, if the advice was given orally, a written transcript or summary of that advice is provided to the council or council committee with the general manager's certificate.

7 PLANNING AUTHORITY

7.1 GEORGE TOWN LOCAL PROVISION SCHEDULE - SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATIONS - SECTION 40K REPORT

REPORT AUTHOR:	Senior Town Planner - Mr J. Simons
REPORT DATE:	30/01/2024

The Chair advised that Council was acting as a Planning Authority.

The Planner entered the meeting at 1:08 pm.

Minute No. 13/24

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick

Seconded: Cr Harris

That Council in its role as a Planning Authority, and in accordance with section 40K of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, endorse and submit to the Tasmanian Planning Commission:

- a. the report, as set out in **Attachment 1**, relating to the exhibition of the amendments, AMD 01-2023 and AMD 02-2023, to the George Town Local Provisions Schedule and their merits;
- b. a copy of each representation and supporting information received during the public exhibition period; and
- c. determination that the Amendments (including those recommendations and modifications described in **Attachment 1**) satisfies the local provisions schedule criteria set out under section 34(2) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

VOTING

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Dawson, Cr Archer, Cr Ashley, Cr Barwick, Cr Harris, Cr Lowe,
Cr Mason and Cr Orr

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9 / 0

The Chair advised that Council ceased acting as a Planning Authority and return to the normal meeting.

The Planner left the meeting at 1.09 pm.

8 OFFICE OF GENERAL MANAGER

8.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2024

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager - Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE: 20 February 2024
FILE NO: 14.10

Minute No. 14/24

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council:

1. Receives the report on the Council Workshops held on the 23 January and 13 February 2024.

VOTING

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Dawson, Cr Archer, Cr Ashley, Cr Barwick, Cr Harris, Cr Lowe,
Cr Mason and Cr Orr
Against: Nil
Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9 / 0

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8.2 FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD SUBMISSION

REPORT AUTHOR:	General Manager, Mr S.Power
REPORT DATE:	19 February 2024
FILE NO:	14.20

Minute No. 15/24

DECISION

Moved: Cr Dawson

Seconded: Cr Harris

That Council:

1. Authorises the General Manager to make a submission to the Local Government Review Board in line with Officers and Councillor comments.

VOTING

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Dawson, Cr Archer, Cr Ashley, Cr Harris, Cr Lowe, Cr Mason and Cr Orr

Against: Cr Barwick

Abstained: Nil

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8.3 QUARTERLY REPORT - QUARTER 2 - 1 OCTOBER - 31 DECEMBER 2023

REPORT AUTHOR:	General Manager - Mr S. Power Director Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement - Mr R. Dunn
REPORT DATE:	20 February 2024
FILE NO:	14.21

Minute No. 16/24

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Ashley

That Council:

1. Receives the George Town Council 2nd Quarter Performance Report 1 October – 31 December 2023.
2. Provide public access to the report as part of Council's commitment to ongoing good governance.

The Director Corporate and Community entered the meeting at 1.22 pm and left the meeting at 1.23 pm.

Cr Barwick asked what the funding amount was for the Roving Curator that Council had received. The Director Corporate and Community took this question on notice.

The Director Infrastructure and Development entered the meeting at 1.23 pm and left the meeting at 1.28 pm.

The Director Corporate and Community advised Council that the Roving Curator is for 8 days not specifically an amount.

The Director Organisational Performance, Strategy and Engagement entered the meeting at 1.29 pm and left the meeting at 1.31 pm.

VOTING

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Dawson, Cr Archer, Cr Ashley, Cr Barwick, Cr Harris, Cr Lowe,
Cr Mason and Cr Orr
Against: Nil
Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9 / 0

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8.4 LGAT GENERAL MEETING 14 MARCH 2024 - CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS

REPORT AUTHOR:	General Manager - Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE:	20 February 2024
FILE NO:	15.15

Minute No. 17/24

DECISION

Moved: Cr Dawson
Seconded: Cr Mason

That Council:

1. Determines that the Mayor be authorised to vote at the LGAT General Meeting 14 March 2024, in accordance with Council's strategic direction, policy and Council resolutions with due consideration of any conference debate on items listed for decision at that meeting.

VOTING

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Dawson, Cr Archer, Cr Ashley, Cr Barwick, Cr Harris, Cr Lowe,
Cr Mason and Cr Orr
Against: Nil
Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9 / 0

9 INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

Nil.

10 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

10.1 REVIEW OF COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES POLICY

REPORT AUTHOR: Director Corporate & Community - Ms C. Hyde
REPORT DATE: 7/2/24
FILE NO: 29.11

The Director Corporate and Community entered the meeting at 1.36 pm.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Orr
Seconded: Cr Lowe

That Council:

1. Endorses the proposed changes to the Councillor Allowances Policy as presented.

Minute No. 18/24

DECISION

Moved: Cr Archer
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That the motion be deferred to the next Council workshop.

VOTING

For: Cr Dawson, Cr Archer, Cr Ashley, Cr Barwick, Cr Harris and Cr Lowe
Against: Cr Kieser, Cr Mason and Cr Orr
Abstained: Nil

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11 ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE, STRATEGY & ENGAGEMENT

Nil

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12 MAYOR

12.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT - MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

REPORT DATE: 20 February 2024

FILE NO: 14.11, 14.15

Mayor Cr Greg Kieser		
<i>January</i>	24	Tasmania Talks interview
	24	Met with local residents
	24	Attended Audit Panel meeting
	24	Tamar FM interview
	25	Attended General Manager's 6 monthly progress review
	25	Met with Australia Day Ambassador and General Manager
	26	Hosted the Australia Day Celebrations and Citizenship Ceremony
	26	Met with residents of Pipers River
	27	Attended the opening of the Final Three Trails
	29	Met with SunCable representatives
	31	Attended NTDC Board and SunCable meeting
<i>February</i>	7	Attended Youth Impact Council
	8	Attended George Town Council Reconciliation Action Plan meeting
	8	Attended Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra held at George Town
	13	Chaired Council Workshop
	14	Attended NTDC Meeting
	14	Attended TasWater Half-Year Briefing to Owner Representatives
	16	Attended meeting on the Community Shed
	16	Met with prospective business owner
	21	Attended Cultural Awareness Workshop
Deputy Mayor Cr Greg Dawson		
<i>January</i>	25	Attended General Manager's 6 monthly progress review
	26	Attended Australia Day Celebrations
	8	Attended George Town Council Reconciliation Action Plan meeting
<i>February</i>	13	Attended Council Workshop
	15	Competed in the Mayoral Croquet Challenge
	20	Attended Cultural Awareness Workshop
Councillors		
<i>Cr Orr</i>		
<i>January</i>	24	Attended Audit Panel
	25	Attended General Manager's 6 monthly progress review

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	26	Attended George Town Council Australia Day Civic Ceremony
February	6	Attended VNT Board presentation

Minute No. 19/24

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Ashley

That the information report from the Mayor on Matters of Involvement be received and the information noted.

VOTING

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Dawson, Cr Archer, Cr Ashley, Cr Barwick, Cr Harris, Cr Lowe,
Cr Mason and Cr Orr
Against: Nil
Abstained: Nil

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13 PETITIONS

Nil.

14 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil.

15 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil.

16 CLOSED MEETING

16.1 INTO CLOSED MEETING

Cr Dawson left the meeting at 1.59 pm.

Minute No. 20/24

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Harris

That Council move into closed meeting at 2.00 pm to discuss the following items:

Agenda Item 16.2 Minutes of the Closed Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 January 2024

As per the provisions of Regulation 34(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

Agenda Item 16.3 Land Acquisition – Dalrymple & The Glen Roads Intersection

As per the provisions of Regulation 15(2)(f) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

Agenda Item 16.4 RFT 11/2023 Old Aerodrome Road Upgrade (Stage 1)

As per the provisions of Regulation 15(2)(d) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

Agenda Item 16.4 Legal Expenditure

As per the provisions of Regulation 15(2)(a); (b); (d); (e)(i)(ii); (f); (g); (i) and (j) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

Agenda Item 16.4 General Manager’s Mid-Term Progress Review

As per the provisions of Regulation 15(2)(a) and (g) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

Agenda Item 16.5 Finalisation of Confidential Employee Matter

As per the provisions of Regulation 15(2)(a) and (g) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

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VOTING

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Archer, Cr Ashley, Cr Barwick, Cr Harris, Cr Lowe, Cr Mason
and Cr Orr
Against: Nil
Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8 / 0

17 CLOSURE

The Chair advised that Council has moved out of closed session and stipulated the conditions of which content can be released in closed at the General Manager's discretion.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.32 pm.



**Cr Greg Kieser
MAYOR**